

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS, }  
AUSTIN, June 3, 1873. }

*Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:*

SIR: I return to the Senate, where it originated, the act entitled "An act requiring the Treasurer of the State of Texas to receive all payments due on all notes given by purchasers of university lands sold under the provisions of an act for the disposition and sale of the university lands, approved August 30, 1856, and an act amendatory thereof, approved November 6, 1866, and to require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on said lands."

The administrators of the university should have control of all settlements to be made with purchasers of the university lands. "The control, management and supervision of the university, and the care and preservation of its property," is committed to the administrators of the university by the express words of the act establishing it. The administrators only can properly settle with the purchasers. They will do so, doubtless, on reasonable terms, if application by *bona fide* purchasers is made to them.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.